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**Statement on Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as applicable to article manufacturers**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On 1st of June 2007 Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals<sup>1</sup> ("REACH") entered into force.

REACH contains the following provisions:

1. Suppliers of substances and preparations must provide the recipient with either a safety data sheet (Article 31) or safety information (Article 32). The products Heraeus Noblelight manufacture are exclusively articles (not chemicals), which are not intended to release any substance under normal and reasonably foreseeable conditions of use. Consequently, the obligations under Articles 31 and 32 do not apply.
2. Article 33 of REACH requires manufacturers and importers of articles that contain more than 0.1 percent weight by weight (w/w) per article of a 'Substance of Very High Concern for authorisation' (SVHC<sup>2</sup>) on the 'candidate list' to provide the professional recipient of the article with sufficient information to allow the safe use of the article, including, as a minimum, the name of that substance. Furthermore, if all imported articles contain more than 1 tonne per annum of a specific SVHC, a notification to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) is required. To date this has not been the case with articles that we import from outside the EU.



3. The "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for authorisation" as required under Article 59 (1, 10) of REACH is published on the website of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) at <http://echa.europa.eu> and updated twice a year. See also <http://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>.

We will inform you if the product supplied to you contains any candidate list SVHC above 0.1% w/w based on the information that we receive from our supply chain.

4. Annex XIV of REACH lists the substances dangerous to human health and the environment which are subject to authorisation and, pursuant to Article 56, are not allowed to be placed on the market or used in any articles, unless authorisation has been granted by the European Commission. Article 67 of REACH restricts certain, normally hazardous substances in specific applications as stipulated in Annex XVII. We continually request information from our suppliers on the use of Annex XIV and Annex XVII substances and do not add these ourselves in manufacturing our products.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,



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<sup>1</sup> REGULATION (EC) NO. 1907/2006 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No. 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC

<sup>2</sup> These are CMR-substances (carcinogenic, mutagenic, and toxic for reproduction) of categories 1 or 2, PBT (persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic) and vPvB (very persistent, very bioaccumulative) substances, as well as similar hazardous substances, which are determined on the basis of scientific criteria.